

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JUNE 1, 2004

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met June 1, 2004, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Chairman Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Robert Rye. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGJ.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS –Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the May 18th meeting
2. 5a Authorize Chair to sign agreement with Nebraska Department of Road for State Maintenance project on Hwy #34
3. 5c Accept the public works committee report to accept bids for a motor grader with trade-in and set bid opening for June 29, 2004
4. 15 Accept and place on file communications from Regional Planning
5. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
6. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

6 APPROVE RESOLUTION REGARDING NEBRASKA VETERANS – Veterans Service Officer Don Shuda was present and requested that the two resolution were read. Lancaster stated that the Hall County and this board support the benefits to veterans. County Clerk Marla Conley read the resolutions.

Mr. Shuda commented on the definition of “general, general under honorable conditions and honorable.” There is concern that a general discharge would not be eligible for all State of Nebraska Veterans’ benefits. This resolution is requesting all Nebraska State Senators to cosponsor a legislative bill to amend the State Statutes to include those discharges. The second resolution requests to delay any action that would reduce veteran benefits until the Legislature can review this issue. Jeffries questioned how long a person has to be in the service to receive benefits and Mr., Shuda stated one day. This resolution will maintain the current status until the legislature can meet again and review the statutes.

Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to approve Resolution #04-0028 and #04-0029 regarding veterans benefits. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

5b AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF HALL & CITY OF GRAND ISLAND ON SCHIMMER DRIVE WEST OF HWY #281 - Hartman requested to discuss this issue. He questioned why the county was going to pay for this project when county finances are tight and there are only a few people requesting to have this road paved.

Lancaster stated that this is in the 1 & 6 Road Program. Our half was scheduled to be paved and it is cheaper to an entire mile than half of a mile. Hartman stated that he will be voting against this agreement.

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the interlocal agreement between the City of Grand Island and County of Hall on the Schimmer Drive project. Arnold stated that this project was scheduled to be completed and they are trying to coordinate it with the City. The City's fiscal year starts in October and they could budget for the project and reimburse the County. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Motion carried.

7 DISCUSS DATE FOR JOIN HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEETING – Lancaster stated that the County received a letter from the Central District Health Department for the joint budget meeting that is scheduled for July 12 at 7:00 p.m. The Hall County Board of Equalization has a formal protest hearing on that date and may not be finished with the hearing. The Board has always stayed until the people have been heard. The budget that the health department has requested is the same as last year. Eriksen stated that the Central District's by-laws state that the annual meeting must be held before July 15th, This is a proposed budget and this information is used by the other entities when they prepare their budgets. Discussion was held and it was suggested that the County request the Health Department Director to come to the County Board to review their budget. The board will send a letter the Health Department to let them know the County Board will send a representative to the meeting and they may ask them to come to the county with their information.

8 DISCUSS & APPROVE HALL COUNTY JAIL SMOKE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM & AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT – Corrections Director Dave Arnold was present with the agreement. This is a proposal for professional engineering services to address the ventilation system in the old part of the jail. The State Fire Marshall ordered that this work must be done and this agreement would assist with writing a request for proposal for the system. The total cost for these services will be \$5,400.00.

Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to authorize the chair Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Smokey Larsen 300 East Schultz Road, Doniphan, Nebraska requested to speak to the county board regarding a petition to hard surface Schultz Road. The petition was filed with the county board. This matter was referred to the public works department. The board will check on this matter.

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into executive session for the following:

- 9 Executive session to discuss pending tort claim of Michael & Denise Wissing
- 10 Executive session for IT director contract negotiations
- 11 Executive session regarding union negotiations

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:45 A.M. TO 10:10 A.M. 11 Executive session regarding union negotiations

10:10 A.M. TO 10:25 A.M. 9 Executive session to discuss pending tort claim of Michael & Denise Wissing

10:25 A.M. TO 10:50 A.M. 10 Executive session for IT director contract negotiations

Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none

Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to deny the pending tort claim from Michael and Denise Wissing. Discussion was held Arnold questioned if it would be possible to pay the accrued interest. Eriksen stated that he agreed with Mr. Arnold that he would like to forgive the interest charged.

Jeffries withdrew his motion and Humiston withdrew his second.

Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to take no action regarding the tort claim from Michael and Denise Wissing. Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Arnold, Eriksen and Hartman voted no. Motion carried.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT
Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the bi-weekly pay claims. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none

COUNTY BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – No report

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS - Hartman no report He requested to place the tort claim issue on the agenda for June 15th.

Humiston – no report

Eriksen – He attended the Wood River Project opening. He also attended the presentation at the Hall county Airport regarding the Nation Guard helicopter base and the Health Board meeting. He also attended the Region III meeting and their request for this fiscal year is the same as last year.

Rye – no report

Jeffries – no report

Arnold – He attended the bookmobile and library board meeting, there is no new information. He commented that Hall county Park is a very nice place for camping. His parents were the first customers on opening day.

Lancaster – She stated that all of her meetings are reported on. She requested that the computer committee stay after this meeting.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be June 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk